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SUBJECT: GOC SURTAXES ON BEEF, CATTLE, CHERRIES

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MINAGR EUGENE WHELAN IN NOVEMBER 27 SPEECH TO B.C. FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE ALLUDING TO GOC'S FEBRUARY 1973 TARIFF REDUCTIONS SAID: QUOTE TARIFFS THAT WERE REMOVED IN THE FEBRUARY BUDGET WERE PUT BACK IN PLACE WHEN THE PRODUCERS OF SPECIFIC COMMODITIES WERE BEING HURT BY CHEAP IMPORTS -- FOR EXAMPLE, CHERRIES, TOMATOES AND BEEF. THE BEEF INDUSTRY GOT CAUGHT BY THE U.S. PRICE FREEZE, AND THAT WASN'T THE FAULT OF PRODUCERS HERE IN CANADA, OR OUR INDUSTRY, SO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MOVED TO PROTECT OUR BEEF PRODUCERS FROM THE FLOOD OF CHEAP, OVER-FED AMERICAN CATTLE. END QUOTE.

COMMENT: SIMILAR TO MINFINANCE SPEECH REFTEL MINAGRICULTURE STATEMENT ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF GOC ENCOURAGING PRODUCERS TO EXPECT SURTAX PROTECTION. EXTENT WHICH SURTAX USE BEING TAKEN FOR GRANTED BY PRODUCERS AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS EVIDENT IN BC DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTUREAL BRANCH, OFFICIAL OUTLOOK REPORT FOR 1974, QUOTE THE OUTLOOK FOR CHERRIES SHOULD BE GOOD FOR FUTURE YEARS IF THE FEDERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SURTAX IS USED WHEN THE MARKET IS UPSET BY IMPORTS. END

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